



CDFG INDUSTRY NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS



In-season Adjustments* to Federal Trip Limits for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries that Affect California

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended adjustments to regulations governing commercial groundfish fisheries during their week-long meeting in Foster City, CA, June 8-13, 2008. NMFS is implementing these recommended regulation changes effective **August 1, 2008**.

Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N lat. (Cape Mendocino to US/Canada Border)

| Month/ Period | July/Aug 4 | Sept/Oct 5 | Nov/Dec 6 |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|
| Sablefish <i>large footrope gear</i> | 24,000 lbs/ 2 months | | 19,000 lbs/ 2 months |
| Sablefish <i>selective flatfish gear</i> | 7,000 lbs/ 2 months | | |
| Dover Sole <i>selective flatfish gear</i> | 50,000 lbs/ 2 months | | |
| Petrale Sole <i>large footrope gear</i> | 20,000 lbs/ 2 months (unchanged via this notice) | | 30,000 lbs/ 2 months |
| Petrale Sole <i>selective flatfish gear</i> | 18,000 lbs/ 2 months (unchanged via this notice) | 16,000 lbs/ 2 months | 10,000 lbs/ 2 months (unchanged via this notice) |
| Other Flatfish <i>selective flatfish gear</i> | 80,000 lbs/2 months | | |

Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N lat. (Cape Mendocino to US/Mexico Border)

| Month/ Period | July/Aug 4 | Sept/Oct 5 | Nov/Dec 6 |
|--|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Sablefish <i>large & small footrope gear</i> | 24,000 lbs/ 2 months | | 19,000 lbs/ 2 months |

Limited Entry Daily Trip Limit North of 36° N lat. (Lopez Point to US/Canada Border)

Increase the daily trip limit for sablefish to 500 pounds per day for periods 4 through 6, leaving the weekly limit at 1,000 lb and the bi-monthly at 5,000 lb.

Open Access⁺ Sablefish Daily Trip Limit Fishery South of 36°N lat. (Lopez Point to US/Mexico Border)

For the month of August, continue 300 lb per day, or one landing per week of up to 700 lb, and implement a monthly cumulative limit of 1,000 lb. For periods 5 through 6, continue 300 lb per day, or one landing per week of up to 700 lb, and implement a bimonthly cumulative limit of 2,100 lb.

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Note: Shallow nearshore rockfish, deeper nearshore rockfish, and California scorpionfish require a State permit; cumulative trip limits apply to *both* vessel *and* permittee.

*For the foreseeable future, CDFG updates will only include Federal trip limit table **changes per in-season adjustments**, along with the CGS State Tables. Any discrepancies in this flier will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

*Open access gear is used to take and retain groundfish from a vessel that is not registered for use with a limited entry permit for Pacific Coast groundfish fishery with an endorsement for the gear used to harvest the groundfish. Refer to FR, Section 660.383 for gear descriptions.

2008 State 2-month cumulative trip limits for cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead (includes all gears, statewide)¹

| | July/Aug | Sept/Oct | Nov/Dec |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cabazon | 150 lbs/ 2 months | 900 lbs/ 2 months | 100 lbs/ 2 months |
| Greenling² | 25 lbs/ 2 months (closed as of August 18)² | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Sheephead | 2,400 lbs/ 2 months | 2,400 lbs/ 2 months | 2,400 lbs/ 2 months |

¹ Limits apply to **individual permittee**. Cabazon/Greenling/Sheephead (CGS) fisheries will close if the allocation amounts are reached. Section 52.10 of Title 14, *California Code of Regulations* establishes annual total allowable catches (TAC) for these species, and also allocates portions of these TACs to the recreational and commercial fisheries.

² Greenling is expected to close on August 18 for the remainder of 2008 due to projected attainment of the annual total allowable catch.
